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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATIONS TO PERFORM SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS:
MANNING LEVEL IN SPAIN

REF: (A) STATE 87395 (DTG 191432Z APR 77); (B) MADRID 3080
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1. REF B TREATS SOME OF THE GENERAL ISSUES INVOLVED AND MAKES
A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION
PERFORMING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS IN SPAIN. IT SHOULD
BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS MESSAGE.

2. REF A SUGGESTS, WITHOUT MAKING ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
JOINT U.S. MILITARY GROUP (JUSMG) AND THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE
ADVISORY GROUP (MAAG), THAT THE TOTAL MANNING OF THE TWO
ORGANIZATIONS FOR FY 78 WOULD BE 30 MILITARY, 4 US CIVILIAN,
AND 8 LOCAL CIVILIAN, BUT THAT THERE MIGHT BE ADDITIONAL REVIEW
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OF THESE LEVELS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

3. BY SEPTEL JUSMG WILL PROVIDE IN SOME DETAIL THIS MISSION'S
PROPOSALS FOR A JOINT MANPOWER PROGRAM FOR FY 78 WHICH TAKES
INTO ACCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SITUATION
AND REQUIREMENTS OF JUSMG AND THOSE OF MAAG. THESE PROPOSALS
REFLECT SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES WE PERCEIVE IN THE SIZE OF

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THE CUTS PROPOSED IN REF A AND ALSO IN THE IMBALANCE THEY
WOULD CREATE BETWEEN OFFICER STRENGTH AND STRENGTH OF SUPPORTING
STAFF.

4. THE NUMBER IN THE TABLE PROVIDED BELOW SEEKS TO MAKE THE BEST OF
THE REQUIREMENT WE RECOGNIZE FOR CUTS OF SOME SUBSTANCE WHILE
PRESERVING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE STRENGTH OF JUSMG AND
PRESERVING A BALANCED STAFF. WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER CUTS BEYOND
THESE ON THE MAAG SIDE ALSO MIGHT RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AT THIS
TIME IN THE SPANISH GOVT REGARDING THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO AN
UPGRADED DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, WE DO BELIEVE THAT A GRADUAL
REDUCTION OF MAAG FUNCTIONS IS FEASIBLE, BEGINNING SLOWLY NOW AND
WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATION AND LARGER CUTS LATER,
DEPENDING ON SUCH FACTORS AS:
--THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPANISH DEFENSE MINISTRY AND
GREATER CONSOLIDATION OF THE SPANISH LOGISTICS AND PROCUREMENT
SYSTEMS; AND
--THE EXPERIENCE WITH AND STAFFING OF THE NEW COMBINED
MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF.

5. THE REDUCTION IN THE STAFFING PATTERN WE BELIEVE WE COULD
ABSORB FOR FY 78 IS AS FOLLOWS:
(A) PRESENT STAFFING

	TOTAL	MAAG (MAP FUNDED)	JUSMG (O&M FUNDED)
US MIL	30	22	8
US CIV	8	4	4
FSL CIV	19	11	8

(B) LEVEL PROPOSED REFTEL A:
US MIL 30
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US CIV 4 (NO BREAKDOWN)
FSL CIV 8
(C) MISSION PROPOSAL (ALL TO BE INCORPORATED INTO JUSMG,
PER REF. B):

US MIL	27	20	7
US CIV	7	3	4
FSL CIV	14	7	7

6. THIS MESSAGE WAS APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. EATON

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